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CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS
—OF—
THE DOMINION GRANGE
Patrons of Husbandry.

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*"Put your shoulder to the wheel. Fortune helps
those who help themselves."*

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DOMINION GRANGE, PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

MOTTO.

1.—We heartily endorse the motto : “ In essentials, Unity ; in non-essentials, Liberty ; in all things, Charity.”

SPECIFIC OBJECTS.

2.—We shall endeavor to advance our cause by laboring to accomplish the following objects :

To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves.

To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes, and strengthen our attachment to our pursuits.

To foster mutual understanding and co-operation.

To maintain inviolate our laws, and to emulate each other to hasten the good time coming.

To reduce our expenses, both individual and co-operative.

To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining.

To diversify our crops, and crop no more than we can cultivate.

To condense the weight of our exports, selling less in the bushel, and more on hoof and in fleece.

To systematize our work, and calculate intelligently on probabilities.

To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.

We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together, and in general acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as association may require.

We shall avoid litigation as much as possible by arbitration in the Grange.

We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony

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good-will, vital brotherhood among ourselves, and to make our Order perpetual.

We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, all selfish ambition.

Faithful adherence to these principles will insure our moral, mental, social and material advancement.

BUSINESS RELATIONS.

3. For our business interests we desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into the most direct and friendly relation possible. Hence we must dispense with a surplus of middlemen; not that we are unfriendly to them, but we do not need them.

Their surplus and their exactions diminish our profits.

We wage no aggressive warfare against any other interest whatever. On the contrary, all our acts and all our efforts, as far as business is concerned, are not only for the benefit of the producer and consumer, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact. Hence we hold that transportation companies of every kind are necessary to our success; that their interests are intimately connected with our interest, and harmonious action is mutually advantageous.

We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise, as tends to oppress the people and rob them of their just profit.

We are not enemies to capital; but we oppose the tyranny of monopolies.

We long to see the antagonism between capital and labor removed by common consent, and by enlightened statesmanship worthy of the nineteenth century.

We are opposed to excessive salaries, high rates of interest, and exorbitant per cent. profits in trade. They greatly increase our burdens, and do not bear a proper proportion to the profits of producers.

We desire only self-protection, and the protection of every true interest of our land, by legitimate transactions, legitimate trade and legitimate profits.

EDUCATION.

4. We shall advance the cause of education among ourselves, and for our children, by all just means within our power.

POLITICAL RELATIONS.

5. We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our organic law, that the Grange is not a political or party organization. No Grange, if true to its obligations, can discuss political or religious questions, nor call political conventions, nor nominate candidates, nor even discuss their merits in its meetings.

Yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country.

For we seek the greatest good to the greatest number. But we must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Grange member, gives up that inalienable right and duty, which belongs to every citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country.

On the contrary, it is the right of every member to do all in his power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he belongs.

It is his duty to do all he can for his own party to put down bribery, corruption and trickery; and see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will unflinchingly stand by our interests, are nominated for all positions of trust; and to have carried out the principle which should always characterize every Grange member, that **THE OFFICE SHOULD SEEK THE MAN, AND NOT THE MAN THE OFFICE.**

We acknowledge the broad principle, that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "Progress towards truth is made by difference of opinion," while "the fault lies in bitterness of controversy."

It is reserved by every Patron, as his right as a free-man, to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his principles.

CONCLUSION.

6. It shall be an abiding principle with us to relieve

any of our oppressed and suffering brotherhood by any means at our command.

Imploring the continual assistance of our Divine Master to guide us in our work—to obtain the objects we have in view—we here pledge ourselves to faithful and harmonious labor for all future time.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

DOMINION GRANGE.

The Patrons of Husbandry consists of the following

ORGANIZATION :

SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

First Degree—Laborer (man), Maid (woman).

Second Degree—Cultivator (man), Shepherdess (woman).

Third Degree—Harvester (man), Gleaner (woman).

Fourth Degree—Husbandman (man), Matron (woman).

DIVISION GRANGES.

Fifth Degree—Pomona (Hope) [Composed of Officers of Division Granges, Master and two Delegates, and their wives, if Matrons, from each Subordinate Grange within their jurisdiction. Past Masters and their wives, if Matrons, are eligible to office, but not entitled to vote. Division Grange upon vote of same may decrease delegation from Subordinate to Division Grange. The jurisdiction of each Division Grange shall extend at least over one County, unless otherwise directed by Executive Committee of Dominion Grange].

Sixth Degree—Flora (Charity). [Composed of officers of Dominion Grange and delegates from Division

Granges in proportion of one delegate to each ten, and fraction of ten, exceeding four Subordinate Granges composing the Division, and wives of both officers and delegates, if Matrons ; providing that where Division Granges contain less than ten Subordinate Granges they shall be entitled to one Delegate].

Seventh Degree—Ceres (Faith). [Members of the Dominion Grange who have served one year therein, may become members of this degree upon application and election. It shall have charge of the secret work of the Order, and shall be a court of impeachment of all Officers of the Dominion Grange].

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of Subordinate, Division and Dominion Granges shall consist of and rank as follows : Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward.

SEC. 2. *How Chosen.*—In all Granges they shall be chosen annually. All elections to be by ballot;

Vacancies by death or resignation to be filled at a special election at the next regular meeting thereof—officers so chosen to serve until the annual meeting, except in Dominion Grange, where vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee of same,

SEC. 3. The Master of the Dominion Grange may, upon recommendation of Division Granges, appoint Deputies, whose duties it shall be to organize new Granges in their Divisions, install officers of same, and also of other Subordinate Granges when required, and they shall be vigilant that no disorder shall obtain in the Granges in their jurisdiction, and shall promptly report any such to the Master of Division Grange, who, if satisfaction is not rendered by the offending party or parties, shall forward to the Executive Com-

mittee of the Dominion Grange, notice of the same, together with the evidence in the case.

SEC. 4. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange consisting of five members, who shall be elected annually; also two Auditors elected annually.

SEC. 5. The officers of the respective Granges shall be addressed as "Worthy."

ARTICLE II.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month. All business meetings are confined to the Fourth Degree, unless by vote of Grange, when business may be transacted in other Degrees; but election of officers and balloting for members shall be confined to the Fourth Degree.

SEC. 2. Division Granges shall meet at such time and place as they shall from time to time determine.

SEC. 3. The Dominion Grange shall meet annually at such time and place as the Grange may from year to year determine. Should the Dominion Grange adjourn without selecting the time and place of meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint the time and place and notify the Secretary of the Dominion Grange, who shall give at least thirty days notice to the Secretary of each Division Grange, and all others entitled to a voice in proceedings of Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE III.—LAWS.

The Dominion Grange, at its annual session, shall frame, amend or repeal such laws as the good of the Order may require. All laws of Division and Subordinate Granges must conform to this Constitution and the laws adopted by the Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE IV.—RITUAL.

The Ritual adopted by the Dominion Grange shall be used in all Subordinate Granges, and any desired alteration in the same must be submitted to and receive the sanction of the Dominion Grange; but in cases of necessity, by unanimous consent of the Grange, the ceremony may be abridged; but in no case shall the entering ceremony and obligation be omitted.

ARTICLE V.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person DIRECTLY interested in Agricultural pursuits, and having no interests conflicting with our purpose, of the age of fourteen years (female), and sixteen years (male), duly proposed, elected and complying with the rules and regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and the benefit of the Degrees taken. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership. If rejected, the money will be refunded. No petition shall be received from a rejected applicant until six months have elapsed after such rejection. Applications must be certified by members, and balloted for at a subsequent meeting. It shall require three negative votes to reject an applicant.

ARTICLE VI.—FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The minimum fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be, for men, three dollars, and for women, fifty cents for the four Degrees ; provided, that Subordinate Granges shall have power by By-law to admit, at a reduced fee, young men residing with and having no distinct interest from their parents, both of whom are members, but such reduced fee shall in no wise be less than one dollar.

ARTICLE VII.—DUES.

SECTION 1. The minimum of regular monthly dues shall be ten cents from each male member, and five cents from each female member ; each Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues. But no member shall be allowed to vote in a Subordinate Grange who is in arrears three months for dues.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the Division Grange the names of all persons initiated or passed to higher degrees, and pay to said Secretary the sum of 50 cents for each man, and twenty-five for each woman initiated during that quarter ; also a quarterly due of eight cents for each member, and a condensed report of business transactions. Subordinate Granges shall

have no voice in Division Granges whose reports are behind for one or more quarters, and failing to report for one year are liable to have their charters revoked.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Division Grange shall pay quarterly to the Secretary of Dominion Grange the sum of twenty-five cents for each man and twelve cents for each woman so reported to him as admitted into the Order, and a further sum of four cents per quarter for each member of the Order within jurisdiction of such Grange. He shall also give a condensed report of the business transactions of the Grange, stating the articles procured, the price and amount of each, and the name of the party furnishing the same; and also forward a condensed report of the business transactions of the Subordinate Granges in his Division. Divisions failing to make required quarterly reports shall have no voice in Dominion Grange.

SEC. 4. Any and all Subordinate Granges not connected with any Division Grange, shall report quarterly to Secretary of Dominion Grange, paying the sum of fifty cents for each man, and twenty-five cents for each woman admitted into the Order during the quarter, and a further quarterly fee of eight cents per member; and shall also give a report of business transactions in same manner as Division Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII. — REQUIREMENTS.

SECTION 1. Reports from Subordinate Granges relative to crops, implements, stock, or any other matters called for by the Dominion Grange, must be certified to by the Master and Secretary, and under seal of the Grange giving the same.

SEC. 2. All printed matter, on whatever subjects, and all information issued by the Dominion or Division or Subordinate Granges, shall be made known to the members without unnecessary delay.

SEC. 3. If any brothers or sisters of the Order are sick, it shall be the duty of the Patrons to visit them, and see that they are well provided with all things needful.

SEC. 4. Any member found guilty of wanton cruelty

to animals, excessive use of intoxicating liquors, or whose interests are inimical to the best interest of the Order, shall be expelled from the Order by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting. (Vote to be taken by ballot.)

SEC. 5. The officers of Subordinate Granges shall be on the alert in devising means by which the interests of the whole Order may be advanced.

ARTICLE IX.—CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

SECTION 1. All charters and dispensations issue directly from the Dominion Grange upon application of Division Granges, or direction of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, and shall contain a blank for the names of the parties who have applied for the same.

SEC. 2. Nine men and four women, having signed an application and paid the required fee, shall, if application is approved, receive the four degrees and be entitled to dispensation.

SEC. 3. Applications for dispensations must be signed by persons applying for same, accompanied by a fee of (\$20) twenty dollars, and shall be made to Secretary of Division Grange, in the jurisdiction of which the contemplated Grange is situated, but if outside the jurisdiction of Division shall then be made direct to Secretary of Dominion Grange, with the accompanying fee of \$20. The Secretary of any Division Grange, upon receiving an application for dispensation, shall immediately forward the same to Dominion Secretary, inclosing a fee of (\$10) ten dollars.

SEC. 4. Deputies organizing Subordinate Granges shall receive due compensation for such service from Division Grange with which they are connected, or to which return of organization is made, unless acting under the instructions of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, when they shall be remunerated from Dominion Grange Treasury upon order of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 5. Charter members are those whose names are upon the application, the fees being paid at organiza-

tion. Charters shall be issued to Subordinate Granges by the Dominion Grange after three months good standing, upon application of the Division Grange to which they are attached or connected ; but in case of no such connection it shall be governed by action of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange.

SEC. 6. Five Subordinate Granges in any County where there is no Division Grange can apply for authority to organize a Division Grange.

ARTICLE X.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The Duties of the Officers of the Dominion, Division and Subordinate Granges, shall be prescribed by the laws of the same.

ARTICLE XI.—SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Secretaries and Treasurers of the Dominion, Division and Subordinate Granges shall give bonds for the fulfilment of their duties, said bonds to be approved by Officers or Executive Committees of their respective Granges.

SEC. 2. In all Granges bills must be approved by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary before the Treasurer can pay the same.

ARTICLE XII.—RESTRICTIONS.

Religious or political questions will not be tolerated as subjects of discussion in the work of the Order, and no political or religious tests for membership shall be applied.

ARTICLE XIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution can be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Dominion Grange, at any annual meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE DOMINION GRANGE.

ARTICLE I.

The second day of June, the birthday of the Dominion Grange, shall be celebrated as the anniversary of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

At the annual meeting of each Subordinate Grange, the members shall elect two Delegates, who, with the Master, shall represent them in the Division Grange, (unless the Division Grange with which they are connected has decreased the representation, when it shall be in accordance therewith): and Division Granges shall elect one or more Delegates to represent them in Dominion Grange, in proportion of one Delegate to every ten and fraction of ten exceeding four Subordinate Granges comprising such Division Grange; Division Granges composed of less than ten Subordinate Granges, shall be entitled to one Delegate.

ARTICLE III.

Questions of administration and jurisprudence arising in and between Division Granges, and appeals from the action and decision thereof, shall be referred to the Master and Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, whose decision shall be respected and obeyed until overruled by action of the Dominion Grange.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE IV.

Master.—It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at meetings of the Dominion Grange; to see that all Officers and members of Committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the Constitu-

tion, By-Laws and Resolutions of the Dominion Grange, and the usages of the Order, are observed and obeyed; sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer, subject to instructions of Executive Committee; and generally to perform all duties pertaining to his office.

ARTICLE V.

Secretary.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all proceedings of the Dominion Grange; to keep a just and true account of all moneys received by him, and hand the same over to the Treasurer monthly, and take his receipt therefor, and to make a full report of all transactions to the Dominion Grange at each annual session; he shall also prepare and issue a quarterly circular containing the reports from each Division Grange, and all other matters of interest to the Order, and address to the Secretary of each Division Grange a sufficient quantity for distribution to Subordinate Granges in each division, and shall further conduct correspondence of the Grange, and perform all duties appertaining to his office as required by Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Treasurer.—SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn upon him by the Secretary, and approved by the Master.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall present to the annual meeting of the Dominion Grange a detailed account of all moneys received and paid out, with balance on hand; and shall at any time deliver up all moneys, books, papers, etc., pertaining to his office or in his possession, upon order of the Master under direction of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

Executive Committee.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order, having authority to act on all matters of interest when the Dominion Grange is not in session; may appoint deputies and business

agents, as occasion requires, and shall direct the payment of all moneys from Dominion Treasury, and shall present a detailed account of all their acts to the Dominion Grange on the first day of its annual Session.

The Master and Secretary of the Dominion Grange shall be considered ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

Such compensation for time and services shall be given to the Secretary and Treasurer as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

Whenever Deputies are appointed by the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, such Deputies shall receive such compensation for time and service as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

The financial reports of the Subordinate Granges shall be made on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July, and the first day of October.

ARTICLE X.

Special meetings of the Dominion Grange shall be called by the Master upon the application of the Masters of twenty Division Granges, one month's notice of such meeting being given to all members of the Dominion Grange. No alterations or amendments to the By-Laws or Ritual shall be made at any special meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

Upon the demand of five members, the ayes and noes may be called upon any question, and when so called shall be entered by the Secretary upon his minutes.

ARTICLE XII.

Past Masters and Masters who have been duly elected and installed, shall be eligible and empowered to install officers of Division and Subordinate Granges; Past Masters are those who have served a term in office.

ARTICLE XIII.

Vacancies in office may be filled at any regular meeting of the Grange.

ARTICLE XIV.

Two or more Subordinate Granges may be consolidated in the manner following: Application for permission to consolidate shall be made to the Master of Division Grange, if in the jurisdiction of Division Grange; if not, to Master of Dominion Grange, and his consent obtained; one of the Granges wishing to consolidate shall then vote to surrender its Charter and consolidate with the other, and the other must vote to receive all members of the surrendering Grange. A copy of each vote, duly authenticated, must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Division Grange, and the surrendered Charter must be returned to the Dominion Grange through the office of the Secretary of the Division Grange, with the fact and date of its surrender and consolidation endorsed thereon, authenticated by the Seal and Signature of the Secretary of Division Grange. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the surrender of the Charter of a Grange in which nine men and four women shall desire to continue the organization thereof.

ARTICLE XV.

In case satisfactory evidence shall be brought to the Master of the Dominion Grange that a Grange has been organized contrary to the laws or usages of the Order, or is working in violation of its laws or usages, it shall be the duty of the Master to suspend or revoke the Charter of such offending Grange.

In case satisfactory evidence shall be brought to the Master of a Division Grange, that a Grange has been organized contrary to the laws or usages of the Order, or is working in violation of the same, it shall be the duty of the Master to suspend such offending Grange, and at once to forward to the Master of the Dominion Grange notice of same, together with the evidence in the case, who shall, if in his opinion the good of the

Order requires such action, revoke the Charter of such offending Grange.

Granges whose Charters are thus suspended or revoked may appeal to the Dominion Grange at its next session for the final action of that body.

ARTICLE XVI.

Expenses of members of Dominion Grange attending sessions of same shall be paid from funds of Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE XVII.

These By-laws can be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Dominion Grange, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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